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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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FOR PASTOR, NSC

FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 4523 ACTION SECSTATE AND WHITE HOUSE
MAY 17.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 4523

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, VE, DR

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ DELIVERED TO ME THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 17) A
LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION IN
IT PRESIDENT PEREZ SUGGESTS STRONG OAS ACTION SHOULD THE DOMINICAN
ELECTION BE NULLIFIED.

2. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS (ORIGINAL TO BE POUCHED TO
STATE-ARA):

QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY

JIMMY CARTER

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY WORRIED BY NEWS RECEIVED FROM MY EMBASSY IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RESULTS
OF YESTERDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MAY BE IGNORED, I WISH
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY IMPRESSIONS IN THE CERTAINTY THAT YOUR
STRONG, FIRM AND SINCERE POSITION OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN

RIGHTS WILL COINCIDE FULLY WITH MINE IN THE SENSE THAT
IGNORING THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE WILL BE AN
IRREPARABLE BLOW TO YOUR POLICIES AS WELL AS TO THE
REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN
AMERICA.

I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT TO ADMIT THIS FLAGRANT
AND BRUTAL FRAUD PERPETRATED ON THE WILL OF THE DOMINICAN
PEOPLE WOULD LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY TO OUR POLICY OF
DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. VERY FRANKLY I SUBMIT FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION AND REFLECTION THAT, GIVEN THE RECENT
HISTORY OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE DOMINICAN POLITICAL
PROCESS, THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED BY THE ADVANTAGES
THAT WOULD BE GAINED FROM THIS DRAMATIC EVENT BY ANTI-
AMERICAN GROUPS.

I BELIEVE IT IS INDISPENSIBLE THAT, WERE THE EVENT
TO BE CONSUMMATED, THE MOST SEVERE MEASURES SHOULD BE
APPLIED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AGAINST
THE DE FACTO REGIME THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO REMIND YOU THAT THE MOST ABJECT
SYMBOL OF LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS FOR OUR NATIONS
IS TRUJILLO AND THAT A NEW DICTATORSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN
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REPUBLIC WOULD RECALL THAT SOMBER FIGURE.

I WOULD HOLD IN MUCH ESTEEM, PRESIDENT CARTER, THE
MOST URGENT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WHICH THREATENS TO
TURN INTO THE MOST SERIOUS CRISIS IN THE CARIBBEAN
SINCE THE CUBAN REVOLUTION, AND WHICH COULD BRING WITH
IT UNPREDICTABLE IMPLICATIONS.

CORDIALLY,

CARLOS ADNRES PEREZ
PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA. UNQUOTE.
VAKY UNQUOTE VANCE

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